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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2007, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until February 14, 2008.

Applicants note that this response is being filed prior to expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly request any necessary extension of time and authorize the charging of any required fee, including any required claim fee and/or extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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